

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously presented): A frame for a bicycle trailer with a foldable passenger compartment and a foldable seat arranged therein, comprising: a front end, a backside, an upwardly acting frame member adjacent the backside of the frame, the upwardly acting frame member including an upper part, a lower part and a swivelling axis about which the upper part can be folded relative to the lower part to collapse the frame; and, at least one bracket element located at the backside of the frame projecting out towards the frame's front end and acting at the height of the shoulder area of the passenger compartment and the bracket element being pivotally connected to the upwardly acting frame member to pivot about an axis parallel with the swivelling axis of the upwardly acting frame member.

Claim 2 (Previously presented): The frame according to claim 1, wherein the bracket element stabilizes a backrest of the seat.

Claim 3 (Previously presented): The frame according to claim 2, wherein the bracket element pushes out at least one side wall that is stretched over the frame.

Claim 4 (Previously presented): The frame according to claim 1, wherein the bracket element pushes out at least one side wall that is stretched over the frame.

Claim 5 (Previously presented): The frame according to claim 4, wherein the bracket element is formed as a U-shaped member including a pair of free ends and at least a selected portion of one of the free ends of the bracket element protrudes laterally outwardly from the bracket element to cause the side wall to be stretched out further at that selected portion.

Claim 6 (Previously presented): The frame according to claim 1, wherein the bracket element at a front end thereof is shaped as a disc.

Claim 7 (Previously presented): The frame according to claim 1, wherein the bracket element axis of pivotal movement extends substantially horizontally and the bracket element is locked in at least one position against pivotal movement in order to stabilize a backrest of the seat and/or push out ~~the~~ at least one side wall that is stretched over the frame.

Claim 8 (Cancelled)

Claim 9 (Previously presented): The frame according to claim 1, wherein the bracket element includes a pair of free ends projecting forwardly towards a front end of the frame and a backrest of the seat is connected at two upper anchoring points to the bracket element at least in the area of its free ends.

Claim 10 (Previously presented): The frame according to claim 9, further comprising a strap attached between the upper anchoring points.

Claim 11 (Previously presented): The frame according to claim 1, wherein the bracket element is a U-shaped member including a pair of free ends and the bracket element is wrapped around the upwardly acting frame member, with the free ends pointing towards the front end in a position in which they brace a backrest of the seat and/or push out at least one side wall that is stretched over the frame.

Claim 12 (Cancelled)

Claim 13 (Previously presented): The frame according to claim 1, wherein the bracket element forms a top edge of a storage space.

Claim 14 (Previously presented): The frame according to claim 13, wherein the storage space is defined by side walls and a rear wall and at least one of the side walls and/or the rear wall includes at least one fabric panel held between the bracket and a floor of the bicycle trailer.

Claim 15 (Previously presented): The frame according to claim 13, wherein the bracket element stabilizes a backrest of the seat and a front side of the storage space is formed by the backrest.

Claim 16 (Previously presented): The frame according to claim 2, further comprising at least one elastic element that counteracts any weight of the seat on the bracket element when the backrest is being stabilized.

Claim 17 (Previously presented): The frame according to claim 16, wherein the elastic element is an elastic strap.

Claim 18 (Previously presented): The frame according to claim 17, wherein the length of the strap is adjustable.

Claim 19 (Previously presented): The frame according to claim 1, wherein the bracket element is lockable in a selected pivotal position.

Claim 20 (Cancelled).

Claim 21 (Previously presented): The frame according to claim 2, wherein the seat is constructed as a two-passenger seat, with a central upper anchoring point being provided for bracing a backrest of the seat.

Claim 22 (Previously presented): The frame according to claim 21, wherein the central upper anchoring point provides bracing via a strap that is connected to an upper part of the frame.

Claim 23 (Previously presented): The frame, according to claim 21, further comprising a partition to form two seating areas on the two-passenger, the partition being connected to the backrest and to a lower support area of the two-passenger seat.

Claim 24 (Currently amended): A bicycle trailer comprising: a foldable passenger compartment having a foldable seat arranged therein, the foldable seat including a backrest with an upper edge, and a frame including at least one bracket element located at a backside of the frame projecting out towards the front, said at least one bracket acting at a horizontal position between a roof and a floor defining the passenger compartment ~~and securing the upper edge of the seat backrest.~~ , the at least one bracket element being U-shaped including a base member with a pair of opposite ends and a side arm extending outwardly from each end of the base member, each side arm including a first end connected to the base member and a free end opposite the first end and the at least one bracket element being connected adjacent its free ends to the upper edge of the backrest at two side anchoring points.

Claim 25 (Canceled)

Claim 26 (Currently amended): The bicycle trailer according to claim ~~25~~ 24 wherein the free ends are each shaped as a disc.

Claim 27 (Canceled)

Claim 28 (Currently amended): The bicycle trailer according to claim ~~27~~ 24, further comprising a strap secured to the seat between the side anchoring points and extending to engage a structural member of the frame.

Claim 29 (Currently amended): The bicycle trailer according to claim ~~25~~ 24, wherein the frame includes a front, a rear and sides between the front and the rear, the rear of the frame including two

parallel side bars and the bracket element extending at the sides of the frame outwardly beyond both side bars, with the free ends pointing towards the front of the frame.

Claim 30 (Currently amended): The bicycle trailer according to claim ~~25~~ 24, wherein the frame includes a front and a rear, the rear of the frame including two parallel side bars and the side arms are positioned outwardly of the two parallel side bars with the free ends pointing towards the front of the frame and engaging the upper edge of the seat backrest.

Claim 31 (Previously presented): The bicycle trailer according to claim 24, further comprising a storage space defined between the seat and the bracket element.

Claim 32 (Previously presented): The bicycle trailer according to claim 31, further comprising a floor of the bicycle trailer and the storage space is defined by side walls and a rear wall including at least one fabric panel secured between the bracket element and the floor.

Claim 33 (Previously presented): The bicycle trailer according to claim 31, wherein a front side of the storage space is formed by the backrest.

Claim 34 (Previously presented): A frame for a bicycle trailer with a foldable passenger compartment and a foldable seat arranged therein, comprising: at least one bracket element located at a backside of the frame projecting out towards a front end of the frame to stabilize a backrest of the seat and acting at a height of a shoulder area of the passenger compartment and at least one elastic element that counteracts the weight of the seat on the bracket element when the backrest is being stabilized.

Claim 35 (Previously presented): The frame according to claim 34, wherein the elastic element is an elastic strap.

Claim 36 (Previously presented): The frame according to claim 35, wherein the length of the strap is adjustable.

Claim 37 (New): A bicycle trailer comprising a foldable passenger compartment having a foldable seat arranged therein, the foldable seat including a backrest with an upper edge, and a frame including a front, a rear, sides between the front and the rear, the rear of the frame including two parallel side bars and at least one bracket element located at a backside of the frame projecting out towards the front, said at least one bracket element acting at a horizontal position between a roof and a floor defining the passenger compartment and securing the upper edge of the foldable seat backrest, the at least one bracket element being U-shaped including a base member with a pair of opposite ends and a side arm extending outwardly from each end of the base member, each side arm including a first end connected to the base member and a free end opposite the first end and the at least one bracket element extending at the sides of the frame outwardly beyond both side bars with the free ends pointing towards the front of the frame.

Claim 38 (New): A bicycle trailer comprising a foldable passenger compartment having a foldable seat arranged therein, the foldable seat including a backrest with an upper edge, and a frame including at least one bracket element located at a backside of the frame projecting out towards the front, said at least one bracket element acting at a horizontal position between a roof and a floor defining the passenger compartment and securing the upper edge of the foldable seat backrest, and a storage space defined between the foldable seat and the bracket element.

Claim 39 (New): The bicycle trailer according to claim 38, further comprising a floor of the bicycle trailer and the storage space is defined by side walls and a rear wall including at least one fabric panel secured between the bracket element and the floor.

Claim 40 (New): The bicycle trailer according to claim 38, wherein a front side of the storage space is formed by the backrest.